

REMARKS

Claims 1-21, 22-24 and 27-30 are currently pending. Claims 25-26 are cancelled and claims 1-22 and 24 are withdrawn. Claim 22 is amended to independent form and to conform to US practice. Claims 27-30 are supported throughout the specification and specifically in original claims 18-21. No new matter is introduced.

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims into Group I, namely claims 1-21 and 24 or Group II, namely claims 22-23. Applicants hereby elect the Examiner's designated Group II, claims 22-23 and newly added claims 27-30 directed to ectoparasiticidal compositions. The elected species is pyrimidines of formula I as indicated by the Examiner on page 3 of the current Office Action.

Applicants offer that it would not be unduly burdensome on the part of the Examiner to examine all species. However, for the sake of progressing prosecution on this case, Applicants elect the species designated herein. Each of the claims, 22-23 and 27-30 are directed to the elected species. Upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants respectfully request consideration of additional species.

Applicant authorizes the Commissioner to charge all fees due to Deposit Account 50-4389. Applicant also requests that all correspondence be directed to the address associated with Customer Number 74479 which is currently as follows:

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Applicants believe this case is now in condition for review and Allowance. The Examiner is requested to contact the below signed attorney should any questions arise.

Respectfully submitted,

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